heavily out-numbered failed to contain the vioence and had to resort to a limited firing in which two persons were killed and 14 others were injured.

(c) and (d) The Lt. Governor of Delhi has ordered an inquiry into the incident.

INDO-Bangla Agreement on Ganga Water

616. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indo-Bangla agreement has been reached on the sharing of Ganga Water; and

(b) if not, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) During the visit of the Bangladesh Water Resources Minister and Foreign Minister to Delhi in October and November 1996; respectively, discussions were held on the issue of sharing of Ganga waters at Farakka. It was agreed that the two sides should continue their efforts for evolving a mutually acceptable solution.

Change in the attendance recording system in vehicle factory, Jabalpur

617. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vehicle Factory Mazdoor Union, Jabalpur have raised an Industrial Dispute before the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Jabalpur on the question of alleged arbitrary change in the attendance recording system in the factory;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Management of Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur is not cooperating in the Labour conciliation proceedings; and

(c) if so, whether instructions are proposed to be issued to the Management of Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur to cooperate in the conciliation proceedings for amicable settlement of the dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) Yes, Vehicle Factory Mazdoor Union, Jabalpur have raised an industrial dispute before the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central) regarding the method of recording attendance on the computerised system since installed in the shops. The system is to be introduced for all workers in replacement of the manual tokan system presently in vogue in the shops. The main point of dispute raised by the Union is that the time taken to reach the shops from the gate be treated as time spent on duty and their plea is that this practice was prevalent earlier and is also in vogue in some other ordnance factories. While there are no definite norms, a fair amount of grace time for walking from the gate to the shops has been in force in the factory. The Regional Settlement Commissioner has advised the factory management that privilege and compensatory time for walking from the gate to the place of work, be considered by the management in consultation with the Union. A committee was formed and based on their report, a grace time of 8 minutes has been decided by the management for mustering in. The factory management also considered 5 minutes for mustering out.

2. The matter was also discussed by the All India Defence Employees Federation with the Ordnance Factory Board and a reasonable grace time of 8 minutes, both for mustering in and mustering out was agreed. But the Vehicle Factory Mazdoor Union is insisting upon 20 minutes grace time for both mustering in and mustering out which is not considered reasonable.

The Ordanance Factory Board has advised the management of Vehicle Factory Jabalpur to have the matter settled at the earliest.

Setting up an amusement Park in NDA vicinity

618. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: